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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO OCAM SUMMIT - OCAMTEL V

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1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR RECEIVED ME MORNING MAY 3. I HANDED HIM PRESIDENT'S TIMELY OCAM MESSAGE (REFTEL). SENGHOR READ IT CAREFULLY, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARING SUITABLE REPLY IN CONSULTATION OCAM SECGEN (TO WHOM WE DROPPING COPY). CONFIDENTIAL

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2. IN BRIEF GENERAL CONVERSATION, SENGHOR REFERRED PRESENT LOW ATTENDANCE OCAM CHIEFS OF STATE AND SAID HE THOUGHT NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE JANUARY, 1974, IN ORDER AVOID CLOSE PROXIMITY OAU SESSIONS WHICH FACTOR INLIMIITING TOP- LEVEL PARTICIPATION HERE. HE HAD JUST SEEN COMMITTEE REPORT ON NEW PERSEPCTIVES FOR OCAM AND THOUGHT JANUARY MEETING WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNE OCCASION DISCUSS THEM. NOTING WORLD CHANGING AND EC BECOMING SOMEWHAT "ANGLOPHONE", SENGHOR OPINED OCAM WOULD HAVE ROLE IN FUTURE AS LINK BETWEEN AFRICA- WIDE ORGANIZATION AND PARTICULAR REGION. RECALLED HIS VIEW TEN YEARS AGO THAT AFRICAN UNITY SHOULD PROCEED IN STAGES AND INDICATED TIME NOW PROPITIOUS FOR CLOSER FRANCOPHONE/ ANGLOPHONE CONTACTS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE HAD JUST MET WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE APRIL 29-30, WITH WHOM HE HAD FOUND NO POINTS DISAGREEMENT. SENGHOR NEVERTHELESS FOREWSAW

CONTINUING NEED OCAM SINCE REAL PROBLEM BETWEEN FRANCOPHONE AND ANGLOPHONE STATES NOT LANGUAGE BUT INSTITUTIONS AND PRACTICES, FOR EXAMPLE IN MONETARY AND JUDICIAL FIELDS.

3. COMMENT: PARTICULARLY VIEW ABSENCE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER HIS OCAM COLLEAGUES, SENGHOR LEFT IMPRESSION CURRENT PORT LOUIS SUMMIT LIKELY TREAD WATER WITH RESPECT MORE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES BUT THAT CLOSER OCAM/ OAU CONTACTS COULD WELL BE KEY TOPIC JANUARY, 1974, OCAM SESSION.
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